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INFORMED SOURCES UNTERNEHMENSVERBAND RUHRBERGBAU CONFIRM
READINESS BURKHARDT TRAVEL AGAIN TO US TO DISCUSS IMPOSITION
FED REP THIRD COUNTRY COAL TARIFF AND DUTY-FREE CONTINGENT.
BUT NO IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PLANS. BURKHARDT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
REPORTED STATEMENT BY FOX OF US COAL EXPORTERS THAT FED REP
ACTION AFFECTS US SECURITY. BURKHARDT AND UNTERNEHMENSVERBAND
BELIEVE JANUARY 29TH RAISING OF DUTY-FREE CONTINGENT TO 5
MILLION TONS BY FED REP, PENDING BUNDESTAG APPROVAL,
SHOULD MOLLIFY US INTERESTS. THEY BELIEVE TARIFF ACTION
ONLY MEANS OF TAKING NON-DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIVE ACTION
DEEMED NECESSARY. INCIDENTALLY, REFERENCE ALSO MADE BY
UNTERNEHMENSVERBAND TO STATEMENT IN GENEVA, MARCH 1957 BY
SCANLON OF BUREAU OF MINES THAT US EXPECTS 800 MILLION TON
COAL PRODUCTION 1975 TO SATISFY DOMESTIC NEEDS.

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UNTERNEHMENSVERBAND FEELS EXPORTS TO GERMANY INSIGNIFICANT
BY COMPARISON AND THAT US MAY BE CONFUSING CURRENT
DIFFICULTIES WITH LONG-RANGE PROBABILITY.

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